

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Fanie Retief VAN HEERDEN *et al.*

Application No.: Unassigned
(Divisional of Copending Application No. 09/402,962)

Filed: Concurrently with Divisional Filing

Title: Pharmaceutical Compositions Having
Appetite Suppressant Activity

Examiner: Unassigned

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.

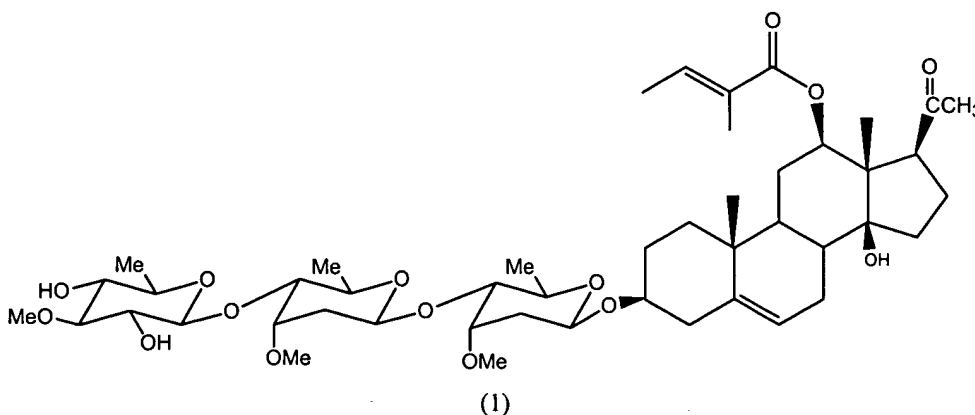
Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE



A pharmaceutical composition which contains an extract obtainable from a plant of the
genus *Trichocualon* or *Hoodia* containing an appetite suppressant agent having the formula (1).